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## TRUMAN OKAYS FIVE NEW STAMPS

### Design Revealed For NYC Jubilee Commem

The Post Office Department made public the description of the new five cent Golden Anniversary of New York City Commemorative Air Mail Stamp which will be placed on first-day sale on July 31 at New York, New York.

UNITED STATES POSTAGE



The new stamp, which is red in color, is .75 inches by .87 inches, arranged vertically. Its central motif comprises the five New York City Boroughs on a dark background, around which is a ring bearing the inscription, "1898 The City of New York Golden Anniversary" in dark Roman. Circling the ring are seven modern airplanes. The wording "United States Postage" appears across the top of the stamp in one line of white Modified Roman. In the same style across the bottom appears "5c U. S. Air Mail 5c".

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster at New York City, with postal note or money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed.

### Canceling Svenskarnas Dag Covers



When the persons of Swedish descent had their big annual get-together at the state fairgrounds in St. Paul, the St. Paul post office sent a canceling machine out there too. Purpose of the post office's trip was to cancel the special cacheted covers which had been prepared by the Swedish Centennial Commission with a slogan postmark in both American and Swedish languages in honor of Svenskarnas Dag. This is believed to be the first time there has been such a stamp cancellation. Busy at the canceling machine are air-mail clerk Harry Beckstrom (left) and postal clerk Carl J. Johnson.

### Gettysburg Speech, Alexandria, Rough Riders, Moina Michael And William Allen White Recognized

Another five stamps have been approved by President Truman. None of those given the presidential go-ahead come as a surprise to the readers of this paper, since the possibility of their impending issuance was noted some time ago. At the time of the announcement of their release, none of them were accompanied with details of the first day of issue nor the location of the first day city with the exception of the stamp commemorating the 85th Anniversary of Lincoln Delivering His Gettysburg Address. This stamp will have its first day on November 19 in that Pennsylvania city. The Post Office Department released the

picture of the design of the stamp to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Consolidation of the Five Boroughs into the City of New York. This will be an air-mail stamp with a value of five cents and is to be printed in red. An encircled map of the Five Boroughs forms the central part of the design. First day of issue of this stamp will be made in New York City on July 31.

The stamp to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Founding of Alexandria, Va. might be issued late this year, according to historical records the town was founded in 1749. It is located about six miles south of Washington, D. C. on the Potomac River.

At Alexandria, originally called Bellehaven, Braddock made his headquarters before marching against the French in 1755, and here, on April 13, the governors of New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia met to form plans for this military expedition.

Alexandria lay within the territory ceded by Virginia to the United States in 1789, but was retroceded again in 1846 and again became a part of Virginia in 1847. During the Civil War Alexandria was occupied by Federal Troops and was the capital of that part of Virginia which remained loyal to the Union.

George Washington was one of the first vestrymen in the Old Christ Church of Alexandria. His pew, and that of General Lee are objects of great interest to visitors.

The stamp to commemorate and honor William Allen White will undoubtedly be released on the first day at Emporia, Kansas, inasmuch as this city was the home town of the author-editor. Until the time of his death in 1944, Mr. White was the owner and publisher of the Emporia Gazette. While this newspaper might under ordinary circumstances be considered a small town product, Emporia boasts of a population of only about 15,000, it had a national circulation because of the editorials and editorial comment which it contained.

Mr. White's views on domestic and international affairs were

sought and given considerable weight by the administrations of both political parties. He had also written several books which enjoyed great popularity.

The stamp to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Rough Riders, brings attention to a group of cavalymen who in their day were equally as "glamorous" as the fighter and bomber pilots of World War II. This group was distinguished by its "devil-may-care" attitude, and its disregard of personal safety in the face of enemy fire. They were a unit of the armed forces which the United States sent to Cuba to lift Spanish control of that country.

Distinguished leader of the group was Colonel Theodore Roosevelt the "Teddy" Roosevelt who became president in 1901.

Possibly the most famous of the engagements in which the Rough Riders served was the storming of San Juan Hill on July 1, 1898. Their daring and effective attacks made it possible for the foot troops to occupy that eminence just a few hours after the general attack had been launched.

The remaining stamp will pay honor to Moina Michael, founder of the annual Poppy Day fund solicitation. This stamp in her honor will be the fourth in the 1948 program which will be dedicated to women. The other three are the Women's Progress stamp which will carry the portraits of Elizabeth Stanton, Carrie Catt and Lucretia Mott, the Gold Star Mothers Stamp and one to honor Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross.

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Three new Canal Zone stamps honoring the first Chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission and the first two Canal Zone Governors will be placed on sale August 16, it was announced by J. H. McNamara, Acting Director of Posts.

The three new issues of one-half, one-and-a-half, and 25 cent stamps honoring the three leaders of the early Canal construction were authorized about a year ago, the selections having been recommended by a committee appointed by the Governor. The likeness of General George M. Davis will appear on

the half-cent stamp and that of Charles E. Magoon on the one-and-a-half-cent issue. John F. Wallace, first Chief Engineer, will be the subject for the 25-cent stamp.

It had been originally planned to issue the stamps on August 15, the anniversary date of the Canal's opening, but since the date falls on Sunday this year it was decided not to delay the issue for several months for an appropriate date in the Canal's history.

General Davis was a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission and first Governor of the Canal Zone from March 8, 1904, until May 23, 1905. He was succeeded by Mr. Magoon who held office until October 12, 1906. The title of Governor of the Canal Zone was later abolished. Mr. Wallace served as Chief Engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission from June 1, 1904 until June 28, 1905.

The two new smaller denomination stamps will replace current overprints of the United States of those values. The 25-cent stamp will be a new denomination of the regular stamp issue.

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| Channel Islands                             | 2v | 10  |
| Cuba—Airmail Sheet                          | 1v | 98  |
| Czechoslovakia—Sokol New values             | 4v | 12  |
| Germany—Hanover Fair                        | 2v | 63  |
| India—International Airmail                 | 1v | 30  |
| India—Independence                          | 3v | 50  |
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| Netherlands—50th Anniv.                     | 4v | 21  |
| Panama—Firemen                              | 6v | 295 |
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It might be mentioned that the "Kunstler haus" is the headquarters of the Austrian Artists Association and that the persons illustrated are all famous Austrian artists.

**CUBA:** A bi-colored set of air mails with denominations from 5c to \$1 are to be issued in honor of Maceo.

**FRANCE:** 3 new values have been received in the liberty head design Scott type A 147. These are typographed. Denominations and colors are as follows: 3 franc rose lake; 4 franc apple green; 10 franc violet.



**GERMANY:** A 2 value set of commemoratives to commemorate the export fair at Hanover has been received. Denominations, 24 pf. henna red, and 50 pf. violet blue; the design shows medieval tradesman weighing merchandise.

**LEEWARD ISLANDS:** Color changes as follows have been ordered: 1/2d. gray; 1d. green; 1 1/2d. orange & black; 2d. red; 2 1/2d. black and purple; and 3d. blue.



**RUSSIA:** A new three value set honoring the 125th birthday of Ostrobsky has been received. The denominations and colors are as follows: 30 kopek green, 60 kopek red-brown; 1 ruble purple.

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| 251             | 9.50         |
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| 396-99          | 8.50         |
| SAAR            |              |
| B9-15           | 45.00        |
| B37-43          | 19.50        |
| SWEDEN          |              |
| 197-27          | 34.50        |
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| 293-95          | 8.75 6.75    |
| B105            | 4.50         |

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print occurs on the 4 franc yellow and green of the recent postage series.

**TURKEY:** The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Turkish republic will be honored this fall by a commemorative set.

**TURKS ISLANDS:** A seven value set of commemoratives will mark the hundredth anniversary of the separation of the government from that of Bahamas. Denominations and colors as follows: 1/2d. green; 2d. brown; 3d. blue; 6d. purple; 2sh. black and ultramarine; 5sh. black and green; 10sh. black and brown.

**URUGUAY:** Two new air mail provisionals have been received. These are a 12c blue and a 36c green. The basic stamp is similar to that used in type AP 11. But on these the overprint reads "Aviacion" and the airplane is shaped differently.

NEW U. S. FIRST DAYS

July 19—100 Years Progress of American Women 3c, first day at Seneca Falls, N. Y.

July 31—New York Golden Jubilee 5c commemorative airmail, first day at New York City.

August 9—Francis Scott Key 3c, first day at Frederick, Md.

September 19—Gold Star Mother's Stamp 3c, first day at Washington, D. C.

November 4—Will Rogers 3c, first day at Claremore, Okla.

November 19—Lincoln's Gettysburg Address 85th Anniversary 3c, first day at Gettysburg, Penna.

November 20—Turner Society Centenary 3c, Cincinnati, Ohio.

December 9—Joel Chandler Harris 100th Anniversary of Birth, 3c, First day at Eatonton, Ga.

Announced Without Details

200th Anniversary of the Found- of Alexandria, Va., first day at that city.

50th Anniversary of the Rough Riders.

Moina Michael, Founder of Pop- py Day.

William Allen White, probably from Emporia, Kansas.

Youth of America commemora- tive.

100 Years of Peace and Coopera- tion With Canada—probable date August 1.

Poultry Industry commem.

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Clara Barton, Founder of the National Red Cross.

Oregon Centennial — probable date August 14.

Five Civilized Indian Tribes— probable date October 15 at Muskogee, Okla.

First day covers bearing the above stamps can be had by re- questing them from the post- masters of the city designated for first day of issue and by adhering to the usual regu- lations governing such requests.

Three Stamps Removed From Agency Lists

The Philatelic Agency in Wash- ington, D. C. announced that three stamps were removed from the list of stamps for sale there at face value. The 3c Alfred E. Smith commemorative was taken off June 4. The 3c Army commem and the 3c Coast Guard commem were removed from the list on June 25.

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The conversion rate for money orders issued in the United States for payment in France and Tunis has been reduced to 1 franc—34/100 of 1 cent, effective July 1, 1948.

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Stamp And Postal Card Honor Doctor Rizal

On June 19, the Bureau of Posts of the Philippines released the new 2 centavos Rizal stamp, and the 2 centavos postal card. The date, incidentally, coincided with the 87th Anniversary of the date of the birth of Dr. Rizal. A special cachet and postmark were provided for the occasion by the Bureau, and these were applied to the covers of collectors on the first day of issue.

The color of the stamp is green, while the imprinted stamp on the postal card is in red.

Stamps of the Republic are on sale at face value to collectors through the Stamp and Philatelic Division, Bureau of Posts, Manila, Philippines.

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| Algeria T.B. Air, 10Fr. CBI....(1) .18    | Iraq New Officials.....(20) 9.65           |
| Belgium Ansele, New.....(4) .30           | Japan Constitution Sheet.....(1) .15       |
| Bulgaria Tower Air.....(1) .11            | Netherlands Buildings, New.....(4) .19     |
| China, N. E. Provis., New.....(3) .79     | Norway Helberg, New.....(2) .20            |
| China Sun Yat Sen, New.....(4) 1.59       | Pakistan New Officials.....(13) 8.45       |
| Czechoslovakia, New.....(2) .09           | Philippines Officials.....(3) .25          |
| Denmark King, 15 Ore, New.....(1) .05     | Spain Certes, New.....(2) .08              |
| Denmark King, 20 Ore.....(1) .12          | Sweden King's Birthday, New.....(5) .40    |
| Dutch Indies Queen.....(6) 1.35           | Switzerland Natl. Fete, 1948.....(4) .37   |
| Egypt Palestine Map, New.....(1) .07      | Switzerland Pictorials.....(6) .49         |
| France Dr. Calmette, New.....(1) .07      | Uruguay Aviation Airs.....(2) .41          |

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**CITY ISSUES.** Many of our U. S. cities are beginning to use tax stamps of various kinds; mainly on Cigarettes, Tobaccos, Beer and Liquor. The latest ones to come to my attention are:  
**ALABAMA**—Florence 1c red Tobacco (very much like the latest states issue containing the state map), Haleyville 1c black & green Tobacco and Jasper 2c green Tobacco (value in circle with radiating lines).  
**COLORADO**—Artesia 2c black Cigarette, Rangely 2c black Cigarette, Pueblo 1c black Cigarette (all three very similar with value in low centered oval and straight lines on each side), and Grand Junction 2c meter imprint.  
**FLORIDA**—Tobacco, Key West 1c rose and 5c black and yellow, Pensacola 2c and 10c black and yellow (the low value of the last two cities have the value in key-stone like panel at the bottom and the high values in a large horizontal rectangle with foliate ornaments at each end), Port St. Joe 1c olive green Cigarette, and Apalachicola 1c brown Cigarette.  
**GEORGIA**—Valdosta 2c orange Beer.  
**LOUISIANA**—New Orleans 1pt blue (with city seal at top center and size in white panel at bottom).  
**MISSOURI**—Cigarette-Centuria 2c black, Clinton 2c black,

Fayette 2c black, Fulton 1c black and 2c red, Hamilton 2c black Hannibal 2c green, Maryville 2c green, Mexico 2c black (like the 2c green stamp with horseman in a horseshoe), Montgomery City 2c black, Pilot Grove 2c black, Slater 2c blue St. Charles, 2c red, Springfield, 1c blue and Warrensburg, 2c blue. The Montgomery City stamp is unusual in that it has "City" on it twice. It reads "City of Montgomery City, Mo." I do not know what cities the following stamps are from: Hahira 5c green Beer, Samson 2c red Tobacco and Vernon 1c Cigarette. Many of the city stamps listed above are of the same or very similar design, as all were printed by the American Decal Co. of Chicago except the meter stamp.  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**—Sturgeon 2c black and green Tobacco (very much like the state stamp but "S" in place of the central ship design).  
**WYOMING**—Laramie 2c black and yellow Cigarette. The last two stamps mentioned are the first known to have been issued in their respective states. I would be glad to hear of any other new issues which you readers know of. Lowndes County, Georgia also has a tax stamp in a 6c light maroon Liquor Decal.  
**MONTANA** New Liquor stamps have been brought into use in this state. The central design is the state seal with "Use" at the right and "Tax" at the left in vertical oval panels. I have the 3c red and black on rouletted cream card. Who can inform us of the values and colors in the balance of the set??

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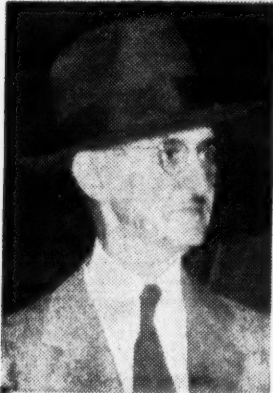
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## Ho --- Hum!!

I just finished writing an editorial for this issue and thought I was through with that task for another week. But, after reading the editorial over once or twice, something I seldom ever do, I decided that if I printed the editorial as I



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had written it that perhaps almost every dealer who advertises with us and who does not run an auction would write and give me a piece of his mind for advising collectors to buy stamps at auction. You see this editorial which I have already torn up explained a bit about how easy and how economical and how fascinating it was to get auction catalogs and buy at auctions. I feel certain that if I should recommend buying stamps at auction that there would be a lot of complaint from dealers who do not conduct auctions. So, I was

led to tear up that editorial and that is the reason you are not reading it now, instead of this explanation. Anyhow, it has been too hot for comfort these past few days and probably a lot of the boys would rather wait for cooler weather before buying stamps.

Thus you can see what a hard time an editor of a stamp paper has about writing an editorial. No matter what you write about, someone is going to give you the deuce for what you do write about and since you can not please everyone you are always in a quandry as to what to do or what not to do. That is one of the chief reasons why editors and publishers of other stamp papers never write editorials.

If we could write our political opinion we could rant and rave to our hearts content for public office seekers are open game for anyone to shoot at with anything, either in or out of season, but not so with the stamp dealers. Oh no, these boys have just got to be handled with kid gloves every minute of the week, and that is the reason we tore up our editorial encouraging those who had not been auction buyers, to try it once and learn what a fascinating and economical way of buying stamps the auction route is. Besides it is too hot to wear gloves now.

## We Practice What We Preach

We often point out to the stamp dealer that the time to advertise and go after business is all the time, and that means when you are busy as well as when you are not busy.

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Right now our office force is being kept busy for a day or two at least in getting out a special letter and circular to all our advertising patrons. It concerns plans we are making for this coming fall. While it is hot and unpleasant here we are working toward bigger and better business for this coming winter and that is what kept Linn's out in front most of the time. We never lay down and loaf over dull periods, but try to make some effort to produce business in the coming weeks and sure enough as we come to those weeks, catch up with them so to speak, we find that the seeds we had planted are growing.

The letter and circular we mentioned above are of much importance to you. If you ignore them, you are going to write us this fall and ask us why you were not invited to participate in the big thing we will be doing then. Thus, look up that letter if you laid it aside, you must act before August 1st or you will be left out in the cold.

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We have been having so many new stamps it looks like a stampede.

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To satisfy everyone who wants a new stamp, why not get out a sheet of 100 different, give all the boys a chance that way.

## Club Says Attractive Identification Badge Is Now Available

Last November at the annual banquet of the Ford Employees Stamp Club of Canada of Windsor, Ontario the club sought the opinion of the guests on a design for a lapel pin which could be used as a universal means of identification among stamp collectors. The philatelic press illustrated the design which had been suggested and asked that interested collectors and clubs write to the Canadians and express their opinions on it.

During the past months these opinions and suggestions were studied, and used, so that now the club is announcing that it has produced a pin, the design of which should be recognized in any country using the English alphabet.

The overall size of the pin is  $\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3}{8}$ ". It has a gold color for the general background and the lettering, while the center is red, and which is surrounded by a circular band in blue. Both of these colors are in enamel. In the center is a letter "P" in Old English style, while in the circular band is the word "Philately" and three stars. The border of the pin has indentations resembling the perforations of a stamp.

The club felt that this design would have an international significance, and one that would be acceptable to all collectors inasmuch as its design favored no certain nation or group. The word Philately, while in English, is one that is recognized nearly everywhere.

In order to protect the rights to use the design without enriching some non-philatelic firm or interests, the club is having the design copyrighted in the United States and Canada. The possession of the copyright will remain with the Ford Employees Stamp Club of Canada.

It is intended to keep the distribution of the pins on a non-profit basis. The actual cost of a single one of them is 50c which with an additional charge of 10c to pay for the postage, packaging and handling charge will make the total cost of a single pin 60c. Where clubs, dealers or other interested persons could see their way clear to ordering quantities of 100 or more of them, a reduced price could be made from the one stated above.

The club will assume the cost of having the original die made by the jewelry company which will make the pins. A statement by Stanley W. Hill, president of the club, is worthy of note. He observes, "We have spent many hours of hard work, thought and considerable expense to bring the pin to its present stage. This is our donation to philately."

The pin appears to be a job well done, and will undoubtedly be accepted and worn by numerous collectors.

An advantage of the emblem is that it has a screw clamp on it instead of a conventional pin, which makes it more secure and easier to change from one piece of clothing to another.

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The cost of 60c can be remitted by cash, postal note (not to Canada) or money order.

## International Bourse Planned By Austrians

What is intended to be something in the nature of an international bourse is being prepared by the Union of Austrian Stamp Dealers. This organization plans to hold such a meet at the time of the "IMABA" the international stamp exhibition to be held at Basel, Switzerland in August. The Austrian bourse is to be set up at Bregenz, Vorarlberg, Austria from August 30 to September 1.

This first meeting since the liberation of Austria seeks to initiate personal connections between foreign and Austrian dealers, and to re-establish business connections severed by the war. The Union of Austrian Stamp Dealers will do its best to clear communication and transportation between the two countries, and may be written for passport and other information.

Such correspondence should be directed to the Union of Austrian Stamp Dealers, 105 Mariahilferstrasse, Vienna 6, Austria.

## Sesqui Cachet From Pennsylvania City

During the week of August 22-29th Grove City, Pennsylvania will celebrate its Sesquicentennial. In connection with this event, the Grove City Stamp Club is sponsoring a printed cachet for any collectors who might want them.

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The filler will carry a few printed facts about Grove City. All requests are to be mailed before August 17.

Collectors are to remember to enclose the name to which the covers are to be sent along with the proper remittance.

Money and names are to be mailed to: Olive McCoy, Post Office Box 550, Grove City Pa.

## A.S.D.A. Chapter For New England Is Organized

On Friday, June 11th, 1948, at a special meeting and dinner at the Century Restaurant in Boston, the New England Chapter of the A. S. D. A. was founded. At this meeting a group of New England stamp dealers, together with the visiting delegation from New York, consisting of Edson J. Field, President of the A. S. D. A.; Peter G. Keller, Executive Officer; John Fox, John W. Nicklin and Fred Kessler of the Board of Directors, sat down over a good meal which was enjoyed by everyone.

Peter G. Keller, Executive Officer, and recognized spokesman for the A. S. D. A. explained the advantages of organizing a local Chapter and having all reputable dealers in the territory join with them to promote the interests of commercial philately. After a thorough discussion by those present, the Board of Directors of the A. S. D. A. was petitioned to establish a Chapter of the American Stamp Dealers' Association in the New England area. This will be A. S. D. A. Chapter No. 2.

A local election was then held, and the following officers were elected: Douglas Sweetser, Lexington, Mass., President; Albert Maged, Bay State Stamp Co., Boston, Mass., Vice-President; Dave Tucker, Newton, Mass., Treasurer; and M. S. Shribman, Able Stamp Co., Boston, Mass., Secretary.

The meeting was well attended. Some 40 odd stamp dealers from New England were present and membership applications were received from many. All New England stamp dealers eligible for membership in the A. S. D. A. are invited to join. Application forms may be had from either the president or the secretary.

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## PART II

## THROUGH THE WINDWARD ISLANDS

As far as the record goes—it is still "The Good Old Days" and the year? Was February, 1928. Thus a continuation from where "The Stamp Hunt" in the Caribbean left us at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, U. S. A. There is not even a modest sized business institution in Charlotte Amalie. The largest in point of mail receipts being perhaps the Cable Station—English ownership here, and the Danish National Bank—a subsidiary of the New York City bank of the same name. The Cable Station outfit—has only a small amount of British Colonies, mostly Caribbean sources mail, current issues only. Rarely anything over 1 shilling.

Most of which sent to English Dealers where better prices obtain—so t'was said. The Bank mail—one gets the impression that there in some hook up with the New York City offices. At that it was quite stimulating to pick up items from unexpected sources, though in quantity is absolutely an exception. A small lot of Trinidad—Scotts No. 29 was garnered at per 5c each—now cataloging in 1948, \$1.00 per copy. Not a poor gain considering the modest investment.

Manana took up the 6 weeks available here—the moments passing pleasantly between times, when a stamp deal wasn't going on. Even this was a pleasure—being a case of having one's wits sharpened without paying anything for the education.

(Just a passing note here—St. Thomas and Charlotte Amalie are one and the same—the names being used interchangeably.)

But the boat was in, and St. Kitts and points south beckoned, thus the Stamp Hunt took on new folds.

St. Kitts was just an overnight sail and there the boat lay one-quarter mile out in the roadstead, giving the passengers, by virtue of the customary early morning arrival, a full day's opportunity to satisfy their vacation pleasures ashore.

Briefly about St. Kitts 68 square miles—good roads—good cars—prices reasonable—22,000 population, mostly, again and yet to be, the little brown brothers. Sugar estates with their complete complements. Brimstone Hill, a tremendously large, remarkable, all hand laid red brick, now dismantled fort. And Monkey Hill with all that the name implies.

Basseterre, the principal town and capital of St. Kitts, the streets of which are lighted at night by oil lamps, are wide and clean.

As usual as obtains in the smaller British Colonies, the two competing banks near the Post Office, each housed in magnificent masonry—constitutes the life blood and principal semblance of dignified business in the one and only Public Square. Current postage stamps were bought at the Post Office of course—and since, have shown a nice increase in value. There are collectors here but the holdings deemed questionable as to their availability to warrant speculating on their acquisition—a 6 weeks wait for the next boat had something to do with it, and it was believed best to head for more active fields in the larger and more commercialized islands.

There's one nice thing about travelling amid the Windward and Leeward group of Islands. They are not far apart. A few hours or over night at most—finds one at the threshold of still a different island, whether a French or British Colony. Variety is the spice of life—but to be on a different island nearly every day—lends its respective enchantment—and to

tackle a new unknown stamp venture does add gusto to a trip of this character. Boat's short stay in some ports is a limiting factor. The amount of cargo decides this pretty largely. So one has to take the boats as he finds them and govern himself accordingly.

So your scribe purposely neglected to predevelop sources at a number of the islands. Saving his metal as well as his mettle for some other known in advance holdings, with the fond hope that the purchase of any one of half a dozen prospects would suffice. Provided the material was of wanted types and satisfactory. And that a deal could be made.

So Guadeloupe and Dominica, owing to small cargoes and need for short stays only, precluded any special stamp hunting. Other than the usual call at the Post Office and buying current items oftentimes finding a few odd values of the older and preceding issues. This latter obtaining particularly in watermark distinctions of the British Colonies. Present catalogue reading shows a nice increase in value over what was paid in 1928.

From the immediate last port of call, Dominica—it was about a 40 mile enjoyable, overnight, lazy jaunt to St. Lucia, Br. Colony. Which in its active days was almost a parallel to St. Thomas, having been a great coaling station and retransfer point for the many small nearby islands. A splendid harbor and ideal docking facilities—and the town sure does turn out when the boats come in.

Castries, capital and principal town of St. Lucia has some outstanding collectors. Philatelists it should be said, if the few well written up collections with their wealth of material, mostly British West Indies commencing from wayback, is any criterion to go by. Regular meetings are held—with the aplomb and dignity that always graces a get together of transplanted Englishmen. An enlightening observation as to how it is done, can be said? down under in the Tropics.

Midnight boat departures are gala events here, same as, say, it used to be in New York Harbor for the big sailings. The long dock lighted up with electric lights of much illumination and brilliance highlighting the natives in their many hued garb, incessant visiting, lively chatter, each group offering many and varied handicraft of all kinds. The Salvation Army, an English institution found the world over wherever the British flag flies—conducting their meeting—band playing well—especially their undoubted favorite, Onward Christian Soldiers. It would take a Victor Hugo to describe this dock scene from the best point of advantage, the upper deck of the steamer, and do it justice. Modern technique now would do it with a color film movie camera and it would be a worth while recording.

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Cost of the surface mail is as follows. Letters will cost 5c for the first ounce, and 3c for each additional ounce or fraction thereof. Postal Cards must bear 3c worth of stamps. Letters to go by air are charged 25c for one-half ounce, while air-letter sheets will cost the usual 10c.

The Department stated that no arrangements have been made or completed for the delivery of mail to that part of Palestine under Arab control.

## Society Specializes In Stamps Of Austria

Austrian stamps hold a strong appeal for a certain segment of the collecting public, so much so in fact, that a group of them have joined for the purpose of forming a specialized society to study and to offer information about the stamps. This group of collectors have founded the Austrian Philatelic Society. It meets regularly in New York City, but it also accepts members in other parts of the country, inasmuch as the club has an official bulletin through which the sum total of information about the stamps of Austria is given to all members.

Elected officers of the club are Anthony J. Babiak, president; Milton Zucker vice-president; Curtis Wilson, treasurer, and Joseph F. Bush, secretary. The address of Secretary Bush is 61 W. 74th St., New York 23, N. Y. Mr. Bush will be happy to supply information about the society to all interested persons who write to him at the above address.

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The Chicago Philatelic Society is announcing that it is now accepting reservations for bourse tables during the time of the club's annual exhibition, October 22 to 24. Scene of the show will be the Hotel Sherman, Randolph and Clark Sts. in downtown Chicago.

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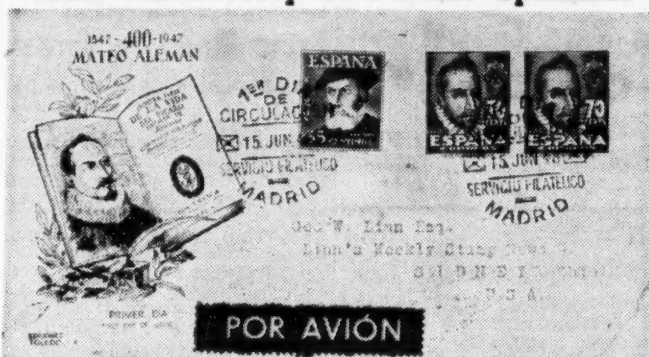
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## NEW ISSUES AND DISCOVERIES

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**ISRAEL:** The new definitive issue evidently has been issued both perforated and rouletted since we have seen both the 3 and the 10 millimes rouletted. The set is perforated 11x11 all but the 3 millimes value which is perforated 10x11.

**ITALY:** On May 30, 1948 at the third spring reunion of the Italian Philatelic Society in Venice, a special first flight from Venice to New York was made. Mail was carried by the Transadriatic Airline from Venice to Rome and by TWA from Rome to New York. All covers bore a special semi-official air stamp of 100 Lire, a special pale blue cachet and a 100 Lire airmail stamp, specially perforated R.F.P.V. '48 (Riunione Filatelica Primavera Venezia).

**POLAND:** A miniature sheet of 62 plus 438 Zloty has appeared with the eight stamps of the second Culture issue, the sheet being arranged in a horizontally oblong format with the 1, 2, 3 and 5 zloty values in the upper row and the 6, 10, 15 and 20 zloty values below. All stamps are in the original colors of the second issue and are in a green frame of holly leaves. Beneath is inscribed "Kultura Polska," the sheet number, the value of the sheet and the name of the printing concern, Courvoisier S.A. of Switzerland. Above are the words "Pocztka Polska" between which is printed the coat of arms of Poland in maroon. It is, in our opinion, one of the most attractive miniature sheets to appear in many months.

**RUMANIA:** Three values and a miniature sheet were issued on May 1, 1948 for May Day, which propagandized the friendship between Russia and Rumania. The 8 plus 8 lei, red, depicts a globe; the 10 plus 10 lei, olive, depicts a man and woman peasant on a farm, and the 12 plus 12 lei, brown, depicts a worker with factories in the background. The 20 plus 20 lei, blue airmail, issued in a sheet of nine, was limited to 35,000 copies. It depicts planes in flight. The set becomes obsolete on June 30, 1948. A special postmark was prepared for the first day of issue.

On May 9, 1948, a set of seven values issued for "Army Day" appeared. 1.50 plus 1.50, lei red, for the infantry; 2 plus 2 lei, carmine, for the engineers; 4 plus 4 lei, brown, for the artillery; 7.50 plus 7.50, dark olive, for mechanized artillery; 8 plus 8 lei, violet, for the navy; 3 plus 3 lei, blue, airmail, fighter plane; 5 plus 5 lei, ultramarine, for the bombers. The set was limited to 40,000, good through July 9, 1948.

The 7.50 lei commemorating the Government Printing works has appeared in a new 6 lei wine red, in consequence of a reduction in postal rates. The date of issue was

May 20th.

Incidentally, all stamps of Rumania are still being printed on paper watermarked with the Royal Crown and Michael's insignia. The first day cancellation used for the Army Day set depicts the flags of Russia and Rumania and an inscription says: "Long live the friendship between the two armies."

## Australia's Farrer Commem Out July 12

A special 2 1/2d stamp to honor William James Farrer, a pioneer of Australian wheat research, will be on sale at all Australian post offices from July 12 on.

The Postmaster-General (Senator Cameron) said that the selection by the Stamp Advisory Committee of the new commemorative design was in line with the departmental policy to commemorate Australian achievements. The stamp included a portrait of Farrer with an artistic arrangement of wheat ears.

It was largely due to Farrer, who developed rust-resisting classes of wheat, that Australia took a prominent part in wheat growing.

## Club Dedicates New Meeting Quarters

When the Asociacion Filatelica Ecuatoriana of Quito, Ecuador dedicated its new meeting rooms, the members were the guests of the president of the club and Mrs. Mercedes de Seminario at a cocktail party on the premises. Nearly all the collectors and the dealers of Quito were in attendance, as well as many officials of the government, and some visitors from the provinces.

During the course of the activities some discussion was made concerning the second philatelic exhibition to be sponsored by the club later this year. Some thought was given also to the program for the International Stamp Congress planned to be held in Quito in 1949. The club had the assurance of government officials that the Post Office Department would recognize both events with issues of postage stamps.

The Asociacion Filatelica Ecuatoriana is the leading stamp club of Ecuador, and claims as members many of the better collectors.

## International Stamp Club Names Officers

The following officers have been chosen to guide the International Stamp Club of Brooklyn for the 1948-49 season.

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**By Carl P. Rueth**  
 A week's reflection, and an absence of news from the Post Office Department, leads me to believe that the stamp to honor the Youth of America is going to perforate several birds with one stroke of the printing press. (A choice mixed metaphor). Until the official proclamation comes out telling what the heck our youth are going to be honored for, and incidentally giving me a red face for my prediction, (okay, guess is a better word) I suspect that the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the late Father Flanagan, founder of Boys Town, Nebr. are going to be blended in some form on one of the POD's three cent purple horrors.

In case you have a horror of questions, you can skip this paragraph.  
 1. In 1940, the National Defense issue was made. Herewith in a jumbled manner are given the values, the pictures on the stamps, and the wording that appeared on each. Values:—1c, 2c, 3c, Pictures:—Torch of Enlightenment; Statue of Liberty; 90mm Anti-aircraft Gun. Wording:—“Industry-Agriculture”; “Security, Education, Conservation, Health”; “Army And Navy”. Assemble the values, designs and wording properly.  
 2. Two of the stamps of the Army and Navy issues of 1936-7 depicted three leaders of our armed forces on each. Which were they, and who was depicted?

They're telling this one at the meetings of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club in Cleveland.  
 It so happened that Willie, who was an ardent stamp collector was asked by his teacher to make a sentence using the word diadem. Here's Willie's sentence.  
 “People who do not collect and enjoy stamps diadem sight quicker than people who do!”  
 Willie is perhaps the kid who inspired the Youth of America stamp.

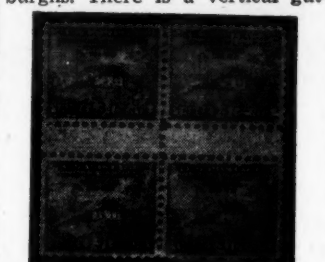
This paper carried the news recently that the stamp to be issued to honor the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians was the first stamp ever issued to honor and commemorate the “Red Man”. Not so, write Hope Higgins of Portland, Oregon, and Richard Winograd of Bronx, N. Y. They point out that the Indian was commemorated on the Scott #3's 565 and 695 of the 1922 and 1931 issues. I am sorry to have to disagree.  
 An American Indian was depicted on the above stamps, but it was not in commemoration, for the issues were both regular series and not commems. Shown also were the Statue of Liberty, the Golden Gate, Niagara Falls, a Bison and the Arlington Amphitheatre. All were incidental designs not intended to honor anything.

Apparently some collectors are still confused about the Farley Newburgh and Byrd issues. They have not caught on to what is meant when the written descriptions of these issues detail what are their identifying marks. The only manner in which the Byrd and Newburgh Farleys can be identified is by a gutter between two stamps of the Newburgh issue and a thin line of color (known as a guide line) between two stamps of the Byrd issue (in the same place where the gutter is on the Newburghs).

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The illustration shows a horizontal gutter block of the Newburghs. There is a vertical gutter



ter also. Where the two gutters cross in the center of the sheet of 400 stamps (which consists of four uncut post office size panes) the block thus formed is known as a cross gutter block. The Byrd's have the line in place of the gutter of the Newburghs and at the same places. The Byrd's therefore have what are known as line blocks and center line blocks.

Collectors who get behind in their catalog numbers for new issues between editions of that book can use the following. The numbers have been officially assigned by Scotts. Utah—950; Frigate Constitution—951; Everglades—952; Carver—953; Gold Discovery—954; Mississippi—955; Four Chaplains—956; Wisconsin—957; Swedes—958. The airmail stamps of last year are numbered: 10c Pan American Bldg.—C34; 15c New York Skyline—C35; 25c San Francisco—C36; 5c Airmail Coil—C37.

If you have ever been persuaded to join one of those penny postcard campaigns which call for you to write a message of approval or disapproval, as the case may be, to the President with the thought of trying to influence his decision, forget it. All such cards and letters are tied in bundles and added to the scrap heap.

On The Trail of the Mailomats: Four new installations to report this week. E. J. Lawless of Buffalo, N. Y. says that the one in that city “opened for business” on June 24. There were two installations in San Francisco according to two first day cards from A. G. Stayart of that city. One card was cancelled at the main postoffice on June 21, and the other at the Rincon Annex Station, same date. The Dayton, Ohio post office unveiled its machine on June 25. First Day cards were received in proof of it from Dick Fullerton, Roy Gottschall, Jesse Schlegel and Guy Mudhenk.

Philip Rosenblatt, 201 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn 16, N. Y. wanted to know whether there was any list published by the Post Office Department, or other group which listed the post offices and the days on which they would inaugurate the Mailomat service. He would like to make a collection of first day cards from them. Do any of you readers know where such information is obtainable?

My compliments to the person who sent the card bearing the June 27 cancellation from St. Paul, and the slogan for “Svenskarnas Dag”. The entire make-up was quite attractive. It had the new Swede stamp, the special slogan postmark, the Swedish Pioneer Centennial cachet and a poster stamp designating airmail in American and Swedish. On the reverse side of the card was a short explanation in the two languages of the meaning and the founding of the day.

The POD has cracked down recently on some users of Postage Meters. Reason? Because through negligence, the users had failed to change the date carried in the postmark to coincide with the calendar. The Department had to point out that such a date is recognized by the postal service, the addressee and all others concerned as prima facie evidence in lieu of the postmark placed on mail by post offices. Legal cases have been won, or lost by the submission of dated postmarks in court.

Are Republican voters supposed to be influenced by the Administrations authorization of a stamp to commemorate the 85th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address? Are the dissident Democrats of the South supposed to be won over with the stamp to com-

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memorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of Alexandria, Va.? Another wooing gesture is directed at the Republicans with the stamp for the 50th anniversary of the Rough Riders, the cavalry unit headed by Teddy Roosevelt. Probably the war veterans are thought of with the stamp for Moina Michael who is said to have originated the Flanders Field Memorial Poppy Day idea. Perhaps Kansas voters are to be influenced by the approved stamp for William Allen White.

Out of all the stamps proposed, please Mr. Donaldson will you give us a one center, a two center and maybe a ten center?

- 1c—Statue of Liberty—“Industry-Agriculture”; 2c—Anti-aircraft Gun—“Army And Navy”; 3c—Torch—“Security, Education, Conservation, Health”.
2. The three cent Army stamp depicted Generals Grant, Sherman and Sheridan. The four cent Navy stamp carried pictures of Admirals Dewey, Sampson and Schley.

## Book Purports To Tell How To Become Successful Dealer

**HOW TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL STAMP DEALER**  
 by Alvin James Fairbrook.  
 Published by the Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., Portland, Maine. 126 pp., cloth covers, illustrated. \$2.00 from the publisher.

The author's intention here is undoubtedly to inform a person how to become a stamp dealer, and he misses the boat completely. Like too many of the other books that have tried to do the same thing, this one has the same faults. It tells what should be done, but makes practically no effort to tell how to do it. Nearly every dealer or embryo dealer finds out sooner or later what should be done, and generally he is left to his own devices or bitter experience to gain his knowledge.

The author seems to have had a background which would lend itself very well toward the supplying of information to prospective dealers. He probably has all the information about which he writes, but he certainly doesn't present it in the manner required by a person wanting to know the ins and outs of the trade.

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The news that Great Britain is to have a special issue of postage stamps for the Olympic Games to be held at Wembley in 1948, will turn the thoughts of stamp-collectors to previous issues of Olympic Games stamps. The Greeks held a great athletic festival every four years in honor of Zeus, the god who appears on the 25 dr. Air-mail stamp of 1935. The chief events were chariot racing, wrestling, running, jumping and throwing the discus. The prizes were wreaths of olive. These Olympic Games were revived in 1896 the first meeting being held at Athens. Greece celebrated this by issuing a long series of stamps showing some of the historical events, the 1 dr. value showing the famous stadium.

The 1L stamp of this series for the first International Olympic Games shows two gladiators who fought in the arena for the entertainment of the people. This was a popular form of exhibition at the great Roman festivals where slaves and prisoners were obliged to fight and much human life was wantonly sacrificed. The 5L and 10L stamps portray a discus-thrower. Throwing the discus was one of the most popular contests at the original Greek games. The stamps show the contestant at the moment just before the discus is thrown. He is looking straight ahead, but should actually be looking back at his discus, as the athlete on the Colombia Olympiad stamp of 1935 is doing. This event was revived with the Olympic Games of 1896, and is now included at most important meetings, the modern discus weighing 4 1/2 lbs. A throw of 140 feet is considered very good.

The amphor, or vase, on the 20L and 40L values is of the type often given to winners at the Panathenaic games. This particular specimen depicts Pallas Athene, the Greek goddess of wisdom and war.

Chariot racing took place in the hippodrome at these ancient games, and on the 25L and 60L stamps we see a fine specimen of the quadriga, or four-horse chariot. Hermes and Victory are depicted on the 2d and 5d stamps respectively, while a view of the Acropolis with the Parthenon appears on the top value (10d).

In 1906, the Olympic Games were again held at Athens, when Greece issued another series of commemorative stamps. The 1L and 2 L stamps show another discus-thrower with what appears to be cricket-stumps behind him. On the 3L and 5L values is a representation of Atlas, who is supposed to have carried the heavens on his shoulders. He is shown again on the 20L stamp in the act of offering the golden apple of the Hesperides to Hercules. The Hesperides were the daughters of Atlas and were appointed to protect the golden apples which Earth gave to Juno. To obtain some of these apples was one of the twelve "labours" struggling with the giant Antaeus, whom he finally vanquished by holding him in the air and squeezing the life out of him. On the 30L stamps a wrestling match is in progress. Wrestling was brought to a fine art by the Greeks. The usual form was what is now called "upright." The competitors, with well-oiled bodies, faced each other and the one who fairly threw his opponent three times was the winner. However, the men on the stamp appear to be wrestling on the ground, another form of sport in which the contestants might

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resting on the ground, his feet rested, on the toes, in holes scraped in the track, to give a good push-off.

The German Olympic Games stamps issued in 1935 and 1936 are some of the finest ever produced. Reference has already been made to some of them. Three values appeared for the Winter Games, the 12 pf. showing ski-jumping. A skater appears on the 6pf. stamp, illustrating what is, perhaps, the most graceful of all sports. The 25pf. shows a bobsleigh team. Their sleigh is controlled by a steering wheel in front, the men behind aiding the steering by digging their heels into the snow and swaying from side to side.

The Summer Games stamps were issued in May, 1936, and consisted of a set of eight values, some of which have already been described. It will be noticed the badge of five linked circles, the emblem of the Olympic Games is shown, wherever possible in the set of stamps. The 3pf. value shows an athlete performing on the horizontal bar, typifying gymnastics. A woman executing a shallow dive is seen on the 4pf. stamp, while the 8pf. depicts a javelin thrower. This event has revived in popularity only recently. The javelin is a short, light spear, not less than 8 1/2 feet in length, and when thrown should be held across the palm of the hand at about the level of the ear, as the stamp shows.

One of the most interesting stamps in this series is the 12pf. which shows one of the three thousand athletes who ran a torch relay through seven countries, from Greece to Berlin in 1936. The first man carried a torch kindled by the Greek sun. This was passed in magnesium torches from runner to runner through Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Germany to Berlin.

The next Games should have been held in 1940, but war prevented them taking place. However in 1944, Switzerland issued 3 stamps to mark the Jubilee of the Olympic Games. All of the same design, they show Apollo of Olympia behind the sign of the five linked circles.

The 12th Olympic Games have so far been honored by Switzerland with a beautiful set of four stamps printed in three colors. Austria remembered the event by the issue of a large attractive stamp in blue showing the Olympic Fire coming from a sacrificial bowl.

At the moment of writing it is not known what designs will appear on the British Olympic Games stamps.

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With the collapse of the Italian and German armies in Europe the allies set up a military government in Venezia Giulia until a decision should be arrived at as to whether the territory should be given to Italy or Yugoslavia. The area had been in dispute for centuries.

This territory was administered jointly by the United States and Great Britain, and it was decided to overprint Italian stamps with the letters A.M.G. V. G. (Allied Military Government Venezia Giulia). Three sizes of letters were used in overprinting these stamps listed in Scotts as types A, B, C.

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**Type B**  
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Letters V.G. measuring 4mm high.

**Type C**  
Letters A.M.G. measuring 6 1/2mm high.

Letters V.G. measuring 5mm high.

The letters of type C while not very much higher are much broader, than those of type A. The overprints vary in thickness of the letters particularly on the 5 Lire Scott No. 1LN6.

I will not list the stamps in the order of their appearance but rather according to their watermarks as this in my opinion is the simplest method. The numbers are Scotts: 10 centisimi fascas watermark crown 1945 1LN1; 50 centisimi with fascas watermark crown 1945 1LN9; 20 Lire with fascas watermark crown 1946 1LN10; 20 centisimi with fascas watermark crown 1947 1LN1A.

The 20 cent. 1LN1A was accidentally issued as all Italian stamps were redrawn omitting the fascas and the remaining stocks were supposed to have been destroyed. When this error was discovered the Italian collectors raised a hue and cry of swindle; the Allies were forced to reprint the 20 cent with fascas and overprint them in the same fashion. The original stamp is the same as that overprinted for use in Naples. The reprint having a brownish gum the difference can only be noted in the mint stamp. I am going to ask your forgiveness for discontinuing the further listings of each individual stamp but as you realize that space is precious, we cannot afford to waste it.

The watermark crown paper was discontinued and there are three stamps issued on unwatermarked paper 1LN7A, 1LN7B, and 1LN8, the balance of the issue being on paper watermarked winged wheel. The overprint, type A, is found on all stamps the size of our Presidential series; type C is found on all the stamps of the size of our special delivery stamps; and type B is found on the 5 Lire No. 1LN6.

There are a number of minor varieties in this issue such as inverted watermarks, watermarks sideways and commas and other marks on the stamps brought about when the overprinting took place. These minor varieties can keep you very busy if you should care to look for them. The broken V.G. varieties I have noted are on 1LN1A, 1LN7A, 1LN7B, 1LN3, 1LN9.

There is no doubt in my mind that it is possible that this variety exists on other values but I have not come across them as yet. The closed G variety on the 25 and 50 lire values 1LN11 and 12 while consistently appearing on every sheet does not appear to be a plate flaw, but an inking flaw instead. The major varieties such as the inverted overprints pairs of stamps one without the overprint made their appearances so consistently that I am led to believe they were deliberately smuggled out in hopes of snaring the American dollar, and the same for all of the other major varieties of this issue. I will list the varieties I have noted but hope that the average collector will understand that I do not place a very great monetary value on these items.

**Inverted Overprints:**  
1LN1, 1LN7B, 1LN3, 1LN4, 1LN5, 1LN6, 1LN7, 1LN9, 1LNC5, 1LNC6, 1LNC2, 1LN5 with broken V. G. and 1LNC5 with double overprint one inverted.

**Missed Overprints:**  
1LN1 1LN3, 1LN7.

**Double Impression:**  
1LN3, 1LN7.

**Offset on the back:**  
1LN3, 1LN5, 1LN7.

If you will devote some of your time you will also find that there are two shades of gum used on some of these stamps; 1LN4, 1LN5, 1LN6, and 1LN7 are a few that I have noted.

There is without a doubt many more varieties that I have not seen or heard of yet and I would be most pleased to hear from other A.M.G. collectors concerning these issues.

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## Further Details Supplied On Israel's Current Stamp Issues

Further details about the First Issue of the State of Israel are made known by Dr. George Hesky of that country who wrote as follows:

"On May 4 all Post Offices except Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem were closed by order of the British authorities. The Jewish community considered this order as a hostile act against them, and to parry the order the Minhelet Ha'am—the forerunner of the present Provisional Government, took over. Since no postage stamps were ready, the Minhelet Ha'am (translated this means 'Peoples Administration')—Ed.) ordered the overprinting of all available stamps of the Karen Kayemeth Le'Israel (Jewish National Fund). The over-print was made in both Tel Aviv and Haifa for their respective districts.

"It had been intended to do all the over-printing in Tel Aviv, but as the First Issue did not arrive in Haifa on time, the Tel Aviv authorities authorized a provisional over-print to be made on local stocks of these stamps in Haifa.

The philatelists here are now busy cataloging the stamps issued. However, there is little hope of completing this task as there must be several thousands of varieties. The KKL over-printed stamps were cancelled with rubber stamps without dates and the wording entirely in Hebrew; for example, Minehelet Ha'am—Doar Rehovot, which means 'For the Post Office of Rehovot.' The issues were made entirely without philatelic influence or interest. However, after the surprise issue, the local collectors secured Covers cancelled to order to the tune of many tens of thousands of items so they may be quite common. On the other hand, 'Bedarfsbriefe', or covers with postage-due stamps, (these are the same KKL Stamps hand-stamped 'T') are very rare. Mixed franking, or covers which include both the new stamps and the stamps of the Mandatory power which were demonetized on May 14, are not very rare. Although their usage did not conform with the regulations, old British cancelling devices were used during this period in cases where the clerk in the post office wanted to show the date and these items are quite rare.

"Unfortunately, I was unable to watch the development of this interesting philatelic era because I was employed with the preparation of the present regular issue. These were delivered punctually to all our Post Offices on May 16. The new stamps were designed and printed in the record time of only 12 days. Neither good presses, sufficient perforation machines, nor proper paper were available, so that the results obtained were generally acknowledged to be a good piece of work.

"I was retained as philatelic adviser and did my best to avoid varieties, but not always with success, especially not in regard to perforations—practical interests often overruled philatelic reasoning. There are three perforations: 10 x 11, 11 x 10, as well as 11 x 11. In addition three denominations were also rouletted; namely, 3, 5, and 10.

"In addition to the nine denominations (3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 250, 500 and 1,000 mils) on May 16 an official First Day Cover was issued. This comes in two

sizes; the large size has a complete set of the new stamps. Only 6,666 copies were issued. The small size First Day Cover has stamps up to 50 mils and 35,000 copies were issued. All First Day Covers were entirely sold out. An additional quantity of 10,000 Covers was earmarked 'Gift of the Keren Kayemeth' and will be sent to the U. S. A.

"At the present time we believe that the total quantity of the mint stamps of this series will be about 50,000 complete sets. The lower denominations, that is, up to 50 mils, are being printed by the millions."

Mr. S. N. Shure who supplied the above information, 225 West Huron Street, Chicago 10, Illinois, is anxious to record all Palestinian and Israel postal markings, and he requests collectors to write him for details about how they may cooperate in this special research project.

## BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

By HENRY M. FRIEDMAN  
Box 31, Planetarium Bldg.  
New York 24, N. Y.

**ROYAL WEDDING SETS.** Three more states have been added to those previously announced. ADEN—(Kathiri) 1½a. red and 5 Rupees Green. Aden (Qu'aiti) 1½a. red and 5 Rupees Green. Zanzibar 20c orange and 10 shilling chocolate.

Add the cost of these before deciding to collect singles, blocks or full sheets.

It has been announced that the Royal Wedding sets will remain on sale for three months or until stocks are exhausted, whichever is earlier. It is not expected that any of these sets can be issued before August and release dates will probably be spread over four months.

**ST. VINCENT.** New stamps in dollars and cents instead of pounds and shillings will soon be issued as follows: 1c, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 24, 48 & 60c, \$1.20, \$2.40 & \$4.80. Colors will be the same as current sterling issues. Current items should be good buys now, especially those recently issued.

**CEYLON.** The Constitution stamps were withdrawn from sale on June 30th 1948.

**GOLD COAST.** The new permanent pictorial issue is scheduled to go on sale on July 1st. There will be twelve values: ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/2, 2/5, and 10/.

**TURKS ISL.** An issue of 7 stamps from ½d to 10 shilling will be issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of their separation from Bahamas.

**LEEWARD ISL.** New colors are being prepared for Leewards as follows: ½d gray, 1d green, 1½d. orange and black 2d red, 2½d black and purple, 3d blue.

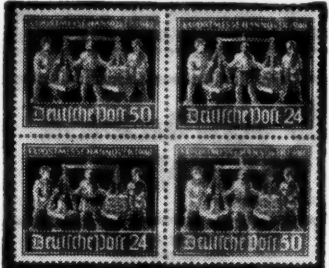
**BARBADOS PEACE.** In response to a recent ad in Linn's offering Peace sets, a New York dealer received a substantial order from a large wholesale dealer in Barbados at advertised retail prices. Included in this order was 120 sets of the BARBADOS peace sets. Talk about taking coals to Newcastle???

**POSTAGE & REVENUE.** In the June 25th issue of the Stamp Wholesaler, there is a full page ad offering British Empire stamps with fiscal cancellations and the suggestion that 100 per cent can be added and collectors will snap them up from approvals. When these postage and revenue items are used for payment of revenue and so cancelled, they are no longer POSTAGE STAMPS and to submit them on approvals without proper explanation, is, to say the least, unethical.

## Hannover Fair Stamps Depict Bartering

On the occasion of this year's Export Messe (Fair) in Hannover, which was opened on 22nd May 1948, two special stamps were issued. These stamps have an extraordinary artistic value. They were issued in the following values and colors:

24 Pfg. red and 50 Pfg. blue.



The overprints of these two values also appear in blocks of four and contrary to the sheets of hundred show differences in color.

The stamps bear a design of merchants bargaining. From above there are hanging scales. On the left hand scale there are weights and on the right hand scale the merchandise. On the left hand there seems to be the manufacturer, on the other side the buyer holding a purse in his hand. In the middle we see the merchant as middleman looking up to the scales. They all wear clothes common to the time of the middle-ages.

From the first day onward these new stamps were a best-seller among dealers and collectors. Each Messe visitor when submitting his Messe-pass, got a pair of blocks on a commemorative sheet with the special messe cancellation at the price of RM 10.—The total special edition of the stamps amounts to MK. 145,500. The edition of the blocs is 500,000. On the bourse these blocs are already being bought and sold at enormous prices by the so-called "Black-marketeers."

On the occasion of this Hannover exhibition a Hannover printing office printed for the first time FIRST DAY COVERS, which until now were scarcely known in Germany although, very popular in the United States. The cachet on this FDC, depicts the new building of the Hannover bourse.

According to Philatelic Equator, P. O. Box 85, Hamburg 36, Germany, who supplied the above information and illustration, the present quantities of this stamp are quite negligible in Germany.

## Scott's Monthly Journal Bought By Scott Publications

Scott Publications, Inc., which publishes the Scott Catalogues and albums, has bought Scott's Monthly Journal.

This magazine was started in 1920 by Scott Stamp & Coin Co. as a house organ. Since then, it has been the publication medium for the monthly supplements to the Scott Catalogues and for price and number changes affecting catalogues. The Journal will continue to carry these supplements and changes, as well as a variety of articles and features.

James B. Hatcher of the editorial staff of Scott Publications succeeds Deoch Fulton as editor of Scott's Monthly Journal. John N. Luff was the first editor with Kent B. Stiles as his assistant and Hugh M. Clark as manager. Prescott H. Thorp held the editorship 1929-38.

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## Ohio Club Changes Dates For Exhibition

Because the dates they had chosen for their exhibition and bourse were the same as those for the Society of Philatelic Americans Convention in Detroit, the Mahoning Valley Stamp Club will hold their affair a week later. New dates for the show will be September 25 and 26. A number of the club members had made plans for attending the Detroit meet, and so were reluctant to abandon these for the local exhibit.

Site of the Exhibition will remain the same as previously named, that of the Butler Art Institute at Youngstown, Ohio.

## New Officers Elected By Cancellation Club

Dr. Duffield Swan, of New York City, was elected President of the U. S. Cancellation Club for the 1948-49 term, according to a recent announcement by the club—a national organization of collectors interested in postal markings and cancellations of the 19th and 20th Century. Ralph C. Huntington, of Baltimore, and Emerson W. Eddy, also of New York, were named 1st and 2nd Vice President respectively. Charles D. Root will continue as Sec'y-Treas.

Eight members were named to the Board of Governors: Harold Stark, Chairman, Detroit; Lee Cornell, Wichita; Wilbur W. Davis, Boston; George W. Hale, Brooklyn; Burleigh E. Jacobs, Milwaukee; Edwin Milliken, Greenwich; Geo. N. Ponnay, Hollywood; and Adolph Steeg, Buffalo.

D. D. Berolzheimer, New York, was made Chairman of the Membership Committee; Kenneth F. Olson, Milwaukee, chairman of the Research Committee; Allan D. Parsons, Chicago, Chairman of the Publicity Committee and Warner Bates, Wardsboro, Vt., Chairman of the Expertising Department.

Plans are under consideration for a get-together and an announcement is expected shortly regarding a meeting to be held during the American Philatelic Society session in Denver this September. Inquiries regarding membership should be directed to D. D. Berolzheimer, 50 E. 41st St. New York 17, N. Y.

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President Harry S. Truman, shortly before ten o'clock on June 29, signed the Senate Joint Resolution authorizing the issuance by the U. S. Post Office Department of stamps commemorating the 85th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. The new stamps will go on sale in the Gettysburg post office next November 19, the anniversary date of the martyred President's immortal address.

Sponsors were advised by telephone that the President had signed the measure from Colonel Philip Mathews, chairman of the Pennsylvania Democratic committee. Colonel Mathews had urged Mr. Truman to sign the resolution when he met the President's special train at Harrisburg last week, en route from the western trip.

In addition Colonel Mathews had contacted Charles Ross, Truman's press secretary, by telephone several times during recent days to receive assurance that the resolution would not be overlooked.

Immediately after Truman had signed the resolution Mr. Ross telephoned Colonel Mathews to convey the news.

U. S. Senator Francis J. Myers, Philadelphia, introduced the Resolution in the Senate last November 20. The Joint Resolution read as follows:

### Joint Resolution

"To authorize the issuance of a special series of stamps commemorative of the eighty-fifth anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General is authorized and directed to prepare for issuance November 19, 1948, a special series of 3-cent postage stamps, of such design as he shall prescribe, in commemoration of the eighty-fifth anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address."

The bill was read twice and then referred to the Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service on February 2. That committee conducted hearings and found no objections.

The resolution then was sent to the House and referred to a similar committee which also reported favorably. Shortly before adjournment the House passed the measure and sent it to the White House for the President's signature.

## Limited Mail Service To Great Lakes Ships; Former Method Is Out

Great Lakes sailors were assured of still getting their marine mail delivery out of Detroit when the J. W. Westcott Co. was awarded a four-year contract to operate a mail boat starting Thursday morning, July 1.

At that time the recent mail boat, the G. F. Becker, retired from the service.

The J. W. Westcott Co. submitted the low bid of \$12,500 among five bidders.

The Service was ordered dropped when bids were considered excessive. But protests to Washington brought reconsideration. New bids were asked on the basis of reduced service.

Previously the mail boat was actually a floating postoffice with mail being sorted aboard. Under the new contract, the Westcott boat will serve only as a contract carrier.

A shore station will be operated by the Postoffice under Hans Yoki, superintendent of the river station. He will be aided by four clerks.

The Westcott company has operated a private parcel delivery service to Great Lakes boats for many years.

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### DETROIT MEETING

During the S.P.A. convention and Exhibition in September, the Detroit Precancel Club will hold a fall Roundup. They have secured approval of the host Michigan Stamp Club and have reserved a parlor in the Detroit Leland hotel for the exclusive use of Precancel collectors. Although the S.P.A. convention is through the 17th to 19th the Precancel collectors will meet only on the 18th and 19th. So mark that Saturday and Sunday Sept. 18th and 19th as a must on your calendar. Detroit-Leland Hotel the place. Reservations should be made direct with the Hotel. For further information about the Precancel meet write Mr. Floyd Warner, 9173 Haverhill, Detroit 24, Mich.

## Double Surcharge On San Marino Roosevelt

In 1947, eight stamps for airmail and six for regular postage were issued by San Marino in honor of Franklin D. Roosevelt.



Later that year, new values were surcharged on the three low values of each of the categories. On one of these, shown here, the surcharge was applied twice making a double surcharge variety.

The stamps were issued in panes of forty each, five wide by eight deep. The illustration depicts the stamp from the upper right hand corner of the sheet, and close inspection will show the top margin of the sheet on which the obliteration over the old full value of the sheet and the new value have been struck twice. The original stamp was one of 5 Lire value.

It has been the only sheet with a double surcharge discovered to date according to K. Fatoullah of New York City. His firm is the owner of it.

## Convention Souvenir Sheets For Members

When the Rowland Hill airmail semi-postal souvenir sheet was overprinted in commemoration of the meeting of the American Airmail Society's Convention in Havana, Cuba, the Cuban postal administration did not realize the popularity of the issue. Only 15,000 of them were overprinted at the time, and these proved to be of insufficient quantity.

The AAMS has requested the Cubans to overprint another 5000 of the sheets so that those members of the organization who had not gotten any of the sheets could do so.

Each of the members of the society will be able to get just one of the sheets, the request and the payment for which should be sent to L. B. Gatchell, 6 The Fairway, Upper Montclair, N. J.

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## COMING AUCTIONS

July 12, 13—H. R. Harmer, Ltd., 39-42 New Bond St., London, W. 1., England. Brit. Emp. and Foreign.

July 13, 14—Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc., 560 Fifth Ave., New York 19, U. S. Brit. Emp. and Foreign.

July 14, 15—Lambert W. Gerber, 656 E. Broad St., Tamaqua, Pa. U. S. Brit. Empire, and Airmails.

July 15, 16—Zenith Stamp Co., and Ralph Orton, 116 Nassau St., New York 1. United States including rarities.

July 19, 20—H. R. Harmer Ltd., 39-42 New Bond St., London, W. 1., England. Foreign and Colonial.

July 19, 20, 21—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22, N. Y. U. S. General and Collections.

July 21—Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, 504 Pinnacle Bldg., 1428 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2, U. S. Philippines, Foreign and White.

July 21, 22, 23—J. & H. Stelow, 50 W. 46th St., New York 19, U. S. Brit. Emp. and Foreign.

July 22—Michael M. Karen, 1225 Norris Ave., New York 56, United States and Possessions.

July 23—Herman Herat, Jr., Shrub Oak, N. Y. United States mint and used exclusively.

July 27—Ohlman Galleries, 116 Nassau St., New York 7, U. S. Foreign and Lots by countries.

July 29—Philatello Exchange Club, 237 Forest Ave., Knoxville, Tenn. U. S. Foreign and White.

July 31—Hobbs Stamp Co., 38 Park Row, New York 7, N. Y. United States mint, used and sheets.

September 9—A.P.S. Convention Auction, Robert A. Siegel, 124 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, N. Y. U. S., Canada and Newfoundland.

## Clubs Schedule Picnic; Federation Planned

On September 18th, an outing of the stamp clubs of central Jersey is planned. Location of the outing is now definitely set at the Calco Picnic Grounds, located about 1 mile west of Bound Brook, New Jersey, on Route 28.

The Calco Chemical Company, a division of American Cyanamid Company, has donated the use of this location through their enterprising club, the Calco Stamp Club.

That club, the Bound Brook Stamp Club and the Somerset Philatelic Society have been the impetus behind the outing which has gained the endorsement and participation of the New Brunswick Stamp Club, the Princeton Stamp Club, the Trenton Stamp Club and the Raritan Bay Stamp Club with several more in the area of central Jersey, showing every indication of their approval of the outing.

At the present time, plans are being drawn for an exhibit, divided into two phases: (1) club entries, and (2) individual entries. Also planned is an auction with all clubs participating, dealer booths, swappers tables and a special cachet for the event.

It took only the first meeting of the interested group to bring out a very important fact. That is, that this outing, by all indications, will become the foundation of the formal formation of the "Federated Stamp Clubs of Central Jersey" which will be of material benefit to 20 or more clubs in the central Jersey area.

Further information may be obtained by writing W. D. Hollar, 117 Stephenson Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey.

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